

HEALTH AND MIGHT With PREKESE GhanaMedia: Home Remedy for Snake Repellent

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Snakes, no matter how big or small, poisonous or not, are not reptiles that most Ghanaians welcome in their lives. It was in 2010 when I had visited an Uncle whose village, Mensakrom is situated in the forest areas around Kakum National Park. His house was located in the middle of the thick forest (a sort of displacing the forest animals of their natural habitat). In a middle of forest like that it was very normal for the local inhabitants to see many snakes most of the time, this is not true for a visitor like me. I have a super fear of snakes nature so being there was like I was in second hell, but I gathered courage to mask my fears. Around 1:00pm, my Uncle told me he was going to town to pick something as me and my friend started taking pictures around a tree in the compound that we were sitting under. But for the quick and timely scream of my friend Lee, a cobra would have bitten me because the snake was in a striking pose when we saw it. I panicked and didnt know where to go and the snake gave me a chase for few seconds but it was like years. I shook the whole day after the incident from fear.

"The above experience of mine sums up what Lisa Parris, a regular contributor on eHow, an online self help public access magazine, introduced in her article on home remedy for snake repellent and I quote:

For most people, the very sight of a snake, venomous or not, will bring on something akin to a full blown panic attack and the majority will do just about anything to make the snakes go away. Unfortunately, there is no single method or repellent that will deter all snakes. Some snakes are just determined to hang out in your yard."

That being said, you can make your yard less appealing and improve the odds of the snakes in question moving on to greener pastures. To deter snakes from your property, follow the steps below.

Instructions

1

Clear your yard. Mow the grass short, trim the hedges back and remove any thing that might be attracting snakes, such as haystacks, stacks of lumber, large rocks, and piles of leaves or loads of brush. Snakes are in your yard because you have inadvertently given them a nice place to live. In addition to seeking shelter, they will be looking for food. Remove any possible sources of nutrition. Take down bird feeders and bird houses, and remove any trash or debris that may be attracting mice or other rodents.

2

Make a dry repellent. Working in a well ventilated area, mix 2 cups of sulphur, 1 cup of moth ball flakes and ½ cup crushed red pepper. Sprinkle this in a thick line around the perimeter of your yard, garden, outbuildings and home. Replace every 30 days or following wet weather.

3

Mix a liquid repellent as an alternative by combining 4 cups of ammonia with 1 cup of lemon scented dish soap. Sprinkle around any area where you want to keep the snakes away. Reapply every two weeks or after a hard rain.

4

Punch holes in the sides of a coffee can. Fill the can with mothballs and cinnamon capsules and place anywhere you want snakes to avoid. This is a reasonable option if you have outside pets or small children and are concerned about exposing them to naphthalene (moth balls).

5

Get a few cats. More than one cat is required for effective snake control as some cats will be fascinated with them and actively hunt them down while others will not be motivated enough to even work up a decent hiss. You will not be able to tell which type you have until they are grown. Also, unlike other animals, two to three cats do not require much more in terms of time and effort than one cat would.



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